

Acknowledgement

Independent Police Auditor Advisory Committee (IPAAC)

Mission

The Mission of this group is to assist the Office of the Independent Police Auditor to provide independent review of the police complaint process, to promote public awareness of a person's right to file a complaint, and to increase police accountability to the public by the San José Police Department.

Purpose and Objectives

The purpose is to identify, mobilize and coordinate resources to assure maximum public, private, agency and individual commitment to provide expanded police oversight.

The objectives are to:

1. Promote the mission of the Independent Police Auditor and inform the Independent Police Auditor of the specific needs/problems in the various communities.
2. Promote the maintenance and improvement of standards of quality of police oversight in the City of San José.
3. Increase the forums, sources, and methods of informing the public about the complaint process.

Participation

Participation is exclusive to those individuals selected by the Independent Police Auditor and who reside, do business or have significant human interest in police oversight for the City of San José or neighboring community.

Independence of the Police Auditor

The Police Auditor shall, at all times, be totally independent and requests for further investigations, recommendations and reports shall reflect the views of the Police Auditor alone. No person shall attempt to undermine the independence of the Police Auditor in the performance of her duties and responsibilities set forth in San José Municipal Section 8.04.020.

Advisory Committee Members

Yoyi Aglipay

Founder and Executive Director of the Filipino American Heritage Project; the Filipino Heritage Festival; and the Filipino-American Youth Club.

Tony Alexander

President of the Silicon Valley African American Democratic Coalition; and past president of the NAACP-San José Branch.

Ahmad Al-Hewel

President of the South Bay Islamic Association.

Rose Amador

Member of the National Council of La Raza; La Raza Roundtable; Enlace Mentor and Advisory Council; the Silicon Valley Workforce Investment Network; the Leonard Peltier Support Group; the PGE/Green lining Partnership; the San Jose State University Cesar Chavez Memorial Committee; the San Jose American GI Forum; the Evergreen Community Roundtable; and the San José Job Corps Advisory Board.



Meeting of the
Independent Police
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Robert Bailey

Chairman of the Human Rights Commission.

Rick Callender

President of the NAACP-San José Branch; Member of the San José Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce; the Santa Clara County Network for a Hate Free Community; and the Anti-Tobacco Youth Coalition.

Bob Dhillon

Member of the McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association; the Santa Clara County Association of Realtors; and the American Sikh Association.

Minh Steven Dovan

Hosted Vietnamese television talk show from 85-97 and Former member of the Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Racial/Ethnic, Bias, and Interpreters.

Larry Estrada

Member of the Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers; the National Latino Peace Officers Association-Santa Clara Chapter; and board member of Los Lupenos de San José.

Victor Garza

Chairman of La Raza Roundtable; Member of the American G.I. Forum; and board of directors for the Center for Training and Careers.

Roy Gilbert-Higginson

Program Director for the Billy DeFrank Lesbian & Gay Community Center; member of the Santa Clara County Network for a Hate Free Community; the Santa Clara County Suicide Prevention Task Force; and the South Bay State School Coalition.

Aminah Ayoola Jahi

Member of the Alliance of African Community Organization; and past president and current member of the NAACP-San José Branch.

Acknowledgement Cont.

Kenneth Lee

President of the Korea IT Network.

Sofia Mendoza

Chair of the Community Child Care Council;
Member of the Latino Advisory Committee for San
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Council of La Raza.

Madison P. Nguyen

Founder of the Vietnamese American Center; board
Member of the Volunteers in Asia; and member of
the Vietology Group.

Helal Omeira

Member of the Santa Clara County Network for a
Hate Free Community; the Bay Area Hate Crimes
Investigators Association; and the Council on
American-Islamic Relations.

Merylee Shelton

Chair of the Communication Studies Department at
San José City College; coordinator of Community
Arts and Lectures Program; and member of the
Human Relations Commission of Santa Clara
County.

Wiggys Sivertsen

Chair of the Network for a Hate Free Community
for Santa Clara County; Chair of the Bay Area
Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC);
Member of the San José City Domestic Violence
Task Force; and the Santa Clara County Bar
Association-Rainbow Committee.

Jennifer Tait

Member of Friends Outside National Organization;
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Association.

Alfredo Villaseñor

Member of the California Child Care Resource &
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Alternative Payment Association; the California
Latino Child Development Association; the Child
Development Policy Institute; the National Council
of La Raza; and La Raza Roundtable.

Gertrude Welch

Member of the Criminal Justice Committee of the
Hate Free Community Network; the Interfaith
Council; and the Council on Churches.

Gary L. Wood

Board Member of the Citizen Tribunal; Member of
the Human Rights Defense Committee; and the
Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission
Justice Task Force.

William Yeager

Member of the Master Composters of Santa Clara
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